

Cornstock family papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Hartwell, Barbara
Creator	Hartwell, Sally
Title	Comstock family papers
Date	circa 1840-1961
Extent	1.0 Cubic feet 3 manuscript boxes
Language	English

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Biographical Note

John Comstock

John Comstock was born Feb. 21, 1802 in Rhode Island to John and Hope Fisk Comstock. He had five siblings; Ann, Mercy, Thomas, William and Ichabod. He married Salena Newhouse on Jan. 1, 1826 in Ohio, where he had taught for a few years. They moved to Indiana in 1836. He and his brother-in-law John Newhouse founded Liberty Mills, in Wabash County, Indiana. He served as a judge, commissioner, state legislator and loaned money to the state of Indiana during the Civil War. He and Salena had seven children; Anna, Sarah, Thomas, William, Henry, Jane "Jennie" and John Jr. He died Sept. 20, 1879 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Liberty Mills, Indiana.

Sources:

Information found within the collection.

"Comstock, John". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Comstock, John". North America, Family Histories, 1500-2000. <http://interactive.ancestrylibrary.com>

Ichabod Comstock

Ichabod Comstock was born Dec. 18, 1810 to John and Hope Fisk Comstock. He had five siblings; Ann, Mercy, Thomas, John and William. He married Mercy Birdseye, with whom he had one son, Charles Birdseye. He died Apr. 15, 1898 and is buried in Green City Cemetery, Green City, Missouri.

Source:

"Comstock, Ichabod." Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://www.findagrave.com>

Rev. William Comstock

Rev. William Comstock was born Nov. 2, 1832 in Liberty Mills, Wabash County, Indiana to Judge John and Salena Comstock. He married Elizabeth B. Place Nov. 16, 1875 in Wabash County, Indiana and they had two sons, Charles Bentley and Francis Sherman and two daughters, Martha and Mary Emma. He died Dec. 11, 1875 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Liberty Mills, Indiana.

Source:

"Comstock, Rev. William". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Comstock, William". Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

Forrest William Beers

Forrest William Beers was born Jan. 1, 1863 in Momence, Illinois. He and his brother Elden lived with their Morrison grandparents in their mid teens. He was graduated from Northwestern University in 1889 with an A.B., was a graduate student at Yale University and received his Ph.D. from Ruskin University

in 1904. He became the superintendent of printing at Park College, Parkville, Missouri in 1918 and was appointed Professor of Speech in 1925, holding both position until he retired from teaching in 1934. He retired from the printing position in 1938. He married Mary Emma Comstock July 5, 1899 in Wabash County, Indiana and they had a son, Lowell, and a daughter, Winifred (Mrs. John Hartwell). He died in Parkville Mar. 4, 1940. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Liberty Mills, Indiana.

Sources:

Information found within the collection.

"Beers, Forrest W.". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://www.findagrave.com>

Mary Emma Comstock Beers

Mary Emma Comstock Beers was born Jan. 18, 1870. She married Forrest William Beers July 5, 1899 in Wabash County, Indiana and they had a son, Lowell, and a daughter, Winifred [Winefred] (Mrs. John Hartwell). She died Jan. 1, 1946 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Liberty Mills, Indiana.

Sources:

"Beers, Mary E.". 1920 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Beers. Mary Emma". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Comstock, Mary". 1870 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Couistock [Comstock], Mary E.". 1880 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Comstock, Mary". Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

Winifred Beers Hartwell

Winifred Beers Hartwell was born Oct. 10, 1904 to Forrest and Mary Emma "Mamie" Beers. She had a brother, Lowell Comstock and a sister, Miriam. She married John Hartwell, with whom she had a daughter, Sally M. She died Mar. 21, 1967 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Liberty Mills, Indiana.

Sources:

"Beers. Winifred L.". Horton Family Tree. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://person.ancestrylibrary.com/tree/14578940/person/29580458758/facts>

"Hartwell, John." 1940 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Hartwell, Winifred L.". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://www.findagrave.com>

Sally M. (Hartwell) Morris

Sally M. (Hartwell) Morris was born in 1905 to John and Winifred L. (Beers) Hartwell. She was married to Dwight Morris, with whom she had a daughter, Barbara Gwen, then later married Larry Boston(?).

Sources:

Information found within the collection.

"Hartwell, John." 1940 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2016/05/23. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

Barbara Gwen Morris

Barbara Gwen Morris was born Sept. 21, 1951 to Dwight and Sally (Hartwell) Morris.

Source:

Information found within the collection.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes deeds and other legal papers; family histories, photographs; greeting cards; notebooks and letters from Comstock, Beers and Hartwell family members in Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri ranging from circa 1840-1961 regarding legal and family business.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/05/23 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2016/05/23 by Edythe Huffman.

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Beers family
- Comstock family
- Hartwell family

Subject(s)

- Family history

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Photograph albums and account books, undated	1	1
Photographs, journal, greeting cards and family history, undated	1	2
"Memoria" F.W. Beers volumes, 1887-1914	1	3
William Comstock business receipts, 1849-1891	2	1
Forrest Beers poems, undated	2	2
Papers, circa 1840-1850s	2	3
Papers, circa 1860-1870s	2	4
Papers, circa 1880-1890s	2	5
Papers and photographs, circa 1900-1909	2	6
Miriam Beers death letters, 1910	2	7
Papers and photographs, 1911-1918	2	8
Papers and photographs, 1920-1930	2	9

Sally Hartwell to grandparents letters, 1931-1933	3	1
Sally Hartwell to grandparents letters, 1934	3	2
Sally Hartwell to grandparents letters, 1935-1936	3	3
Sally Hartwell to grandparents letters, 1937-1939	3	4
Papers, 1940	3	5
Papers, 1941-1950	3	6
Sally and Barbara Hartwell to Winifred Hartwell letters, 1959-1961	3	7
Papers and photographs, undated	3	8